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THE SAVIOR WITH KEY INDIVIDUALS (Pt. 1)

NICODEMUS (JOHN 3:1-21)

1 - Credentials Of Nicodemus	2 - Confession Of Nicodemus
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● He was a Pharisee ● He was a member of the Sanhedrin ● He was a respected religious teacher 	<p>²The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him. (Jn. 3:2)</p>
3 - Command To Nicodemus	4 - Confusion Of Nicodemus
<p>³Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. (Jn. 3:3)</p>	<p>⁴Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born? (Jn. 3:4)</p>
5 - Chastening Of Nicodemus	6 - Clarification For Nicodemus
<p>¹⁰Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things? (Jn. 3:10)</p>	<p>Jesus employs illustrations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● A physical illustration (3:5-7) ● A natural illustration (3:8) ● A scriptural illustration (3:14,15)
7 - Conclusion For Nicodemus	8 - Conversion Of Nicodemus
<p>Jesus now speaks both the most important and greatest verse in all the Bible</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It is the most important verse, because it contains the gospel in a nutshell ● It is the greatest verse, because it contains nine of the most profound truths ever recorded <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. "For God" - The greatest Person 2. "So loved the world" - The greatest truth 3. "That he gave" - The greatest act 4. "His only begotten Son" - The greatest gift 5. "That whosoever" - The greatest number 6. "Believeth in him" - The greatest invitation 7. "Should not perish" - The greatest promise 8. "But have" - The greatest certainty 9. "Everlasting life" - The greatest destiny (Jn. 3:16) 	<p>Did Nicodemus accept Christ? Two later instances strongly suggest that he did.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● First Occasion (Jn. 7:50-51) <p>⁵⁰Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them,) ⁵¹Doth our law judge any man, before it hear him, and know what he doeth?</p> ● Second Occasion (Jn. 19:38-42) <p>³⁸And after this Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, besought Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took the body of Jesus. ³⁹And there came also Nicodemus, which at the first came to Jesus by night, and brought a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about an hundred pound weight. ⁴⁰Then took they the body of Jesus, and wound it in linen clothes with the spices, as the manner of the Jews is to bury. ⁴¹Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new sepulchre, wherein was never man yet laid. ⁴²There laid they Jesus therefore because of the Jews' preparation day; for the sepulchre was nigh at hand.</p>